

vein about twice its own length distant from the mid; lateral vein-scales long and straight. Halteres creamy. Length, 4.0 mm.

*Habitat.* Bihé, Angola.

*Observations.*—Described from a perfect female. It is a very distinct species, easily told by the thoracic and abdominal ornamentation and leg-banding. It clearly comes in the genus *Danielsia*, but the scutellar scales are rather broader than in the type (*D. albolineata*).

(To be continued.)

## PREOCCUPIED NAMES IN COLEOPTERA.

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THERE is urgent need for someone to go over the generic names used for Coleoptera, and sift out the homonyms. For some reason coleopterists seem extraordinarily careless about homonymy, and it is evident that some of them, while proposing numerous new generic names, never take the trouble to consult the indices of Scudder or Waterhouse. *Alexia*, Steph., 1835, is the name still in use for a genus of Endomychidæ, but it is invalid because of the molluscan *Alexia*, Leach, 1818.\* Fairmaire still uses the name *Anodon*, proposed in the seventies, for a Dynastine beetle, but Oken used *Anodon* in Mollusca in 1815. The Dynastine genus may take the name *Paranodon*, n. n. *Coryphus*, Cski, 1902, for an Endomychid genus, would be considered by many a homonym of *Corypha* (Gray, 1840; Walker, 1860), but I think it may be allowed to stand.† Weise, in 1902, proposed *Stenella* and *Spilonota* as the names of two Chrysomelid genera, but both names are invalid (Gray, 1870; Stephens, in Lepidoptera). *Stenella* may be changed to *Stenellina*, n. n., type *Stenellina marginata* (Weise), and *Spilonota* may become *Spilonotella*, n. n., type *Spilonotella sagax* (*Spilonota sagax*, Weise). The original descriptions are in Arch. Naturg. vol. 68, pp. 145 and 151. In the same paper, Weise proposes a genus *Sphondylia*, which many would consider too like *Sphondyla* (Illiger, 1805).

\* Since writing the above I have found that, according to Mr. B. B. Woodward (Journ. of Conch. 1903, p. 361), the date given for the molluscan *Alexia* in the 'Nomenclator Zoologicus' is wrong; that is, it is the date of Leach's *manuscript*, which was not actually published until 1847. Hence the coleopterous name stands, and it is the familiar molluscan *Alexia* which has to go.

† It may be added that the arachnid genus-name *Coryphæus*, Cambridge, 1895, is a homonym of *Coryphæus*, Gistel, 1848.